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SUBJ: SHIPPING STUDY - INFORMATION AND DATA ON BELGIUM

REF: STATE 266936 (NOV. 11, 1975)

1. FOLLOWING SUBPARAS CONTAIN INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL  
ON OUTBOUND MOVEMENTS FROM ANTWERP RPT. ANTWERP TO ARGENTINA.

A. PERTINENT CONFERENCE IS " RIVER PLATE CONFERENCE" MADE UP  
OF FIFTEEN LINES. ELEVEN CONFERENCE LINES ACTUALLY OPERATE SAILINGS  
FROM ANTWERP AND THESE ARE: ADMINISTRACION NACIONAL DE PUERTOS  
DEL URUGUAY (MONTEVIDEO), CIA ARGENTINA DE TRANSPORTES MARITIMOS  
(BUENOS AIRES) , GASMAR (MONTEVIDEO -- IN POOL WITH EMPRESA  
LINEAS MARITIMAS ARGENTINAS), COMPAGNIE MARITIME BELGE (IN POOL  
WITH FLOTA MERCANTE DE ESTADO DEL PARAGUAY, HAMBURG SUDAMERIKA-  
NISCHER DAMPFSCHEFFARTS- GESELLSCHAFT AND HAVENLIJN B.V. OF  
ROTTERDAM), MONTEMAR (MONTEVIDEO) AND CIA DE NAVEGACAO LLOYD  
BRASILEIRO. NOT CLEAR WHETHER EMPRESA DE NAVEGACAO ALIANCA  
(RIO DE JANEIRO) ALSO OPERATES SERVICE FROM ANTWERP BUT IT IS  
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MEMBER OF CONFERENCE. FOUR ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS

(NAMES UNKNOWN) REPORTEDLY DO NOT, IN FACT, OPERATE SERVICE FROM ANTWERP.

B. TOTAL METRIC TONNAGE 1968-1975 AS FOLLOWS (VALUES UNAVAILABLE):  
141,825 TONS (1968), 246,629 TONS (1969), 173,518 TONS (1970),  
158,264 TONS (1971), 173,518 TONS (1972), 183,570 TONS (1973),  
199,300 TONS (1974), 271,450 ( FIRST SIX MONTHS 1975).

C. MAJOR COMMODITIES IN 1974 AS FOLLOWS (FREIGHT RATE HISTORY AND OTHER HISTORICAL DATA NOT AVAILABLE): IRON/STEEL (ABOUT 55 PER CENT OF TOTAL TONNAGE), CHEMICALS (ABOUT 30 PER CENT), GENERAL CARGO, COAL, OTHER MINERALS, FERTILIZERS, VEGETABLE FIBERS, MOTOR VEHICLES, FOODS.

D. AS INDICATED SUBPARA "A" ABOVE, TWO POOLS KNOWN TO BE OPERATING ANTWERP-ARGENTINA. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CARGO SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. FOLLOWING SUBPARAS CONTAIN AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON OUTBOUND MOVEMENTS FROM ANTWERP RPT. ANTWERP TO BRAZIL.

A. PERTINENT CONFERENCE IS BRAZIL CONFERENCE (22 LINES REPORTEDLY AFFILIATED).(A SECOND "CONFERENCE" , THE BRAZIL-EUROPE-BRAZIL FREIGHT CONFERENCE CONSISTS OF ONLY THE LLOYD BRASILEIRO LINE, WE ARE TOLD. IN ANY EVENT, LLOYD BRASILEIRO REPORTEDLY DOES NOT, IN FACT, OFFER SERVICE FROM ANTWERP AND THEREFORE IT AND ITS "CONFERENCE" IS IGNORED HEREAFTER.) OF THE 22 LINE BRAZIL CONFERENCE, SEVEN REPORTEDLY ACTUALLY OPERATE SERVICE FROM ANTWERP: BALTIC SHIPPING COMPANY OF LENINGRAD (IN POOL WITH POLISH OCEAN LINES AND V.E.B. DEUTFRACHT/SEEREDEREI OF ROSTOCK), COMPAGNIE MARITIME BELGE (IN POOL WITH HAMBURG-SUDAMERIKANISCHE DAMPF-SCHIFFFAHRTS GESELLSCHAFT AND HAVENLIJN B.V. OF ROTTERDAM) AND EMPRESA LINEAS MARITIMAS ARGENTINAS. NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT EMPRESA DE NAVEGACAO ALIANCA (RIO DE JANEIRO) ALSO OPERATES ANTWERP-BRAZIL SERVICE. OUTSIDERS REPORTEDLY OPERATING REGULAR SERVICES INCLUDE COMAR LINES, BORDA LINE, MIVER LINES, CIAMAR AND ESA LINE.

B. TOTAL METRIC TONNAGE 1968-1975 AS FOLLOWS (VALUES UNAVAILABLE):  
276,090 (1968), 269,136 (1969), 394,965 (1970), 444,054 (1971),  
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468,582 (1972), 646,049 (1973), 1,451,921 (1974), 351,082 (FIRST SIX MONTHS 1975).

C. MAJOR COMMODITIES IN 1974 AS FOLLOWS (FREIGHT RATE HISTORY AND OTHER HISTORICAL DATA NOT AVAILABLE): IRON/STEEL (ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF TOTAL TONNAGE), FERTILIZERS (ABOUT 20 PER CENT), CHEMICALS (ABOUT 15 PER CENT), MALTN MINERALS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, GLASS PRODUCTS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, PAPER/CARDBOARD, AGRICULTURAL

TRACTORS.

D. AS INDICATED IN SUBPARA "A", TWO POOLS KNOWN TO BE OPERATING ANTWERP-BRAZIL. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CARGO SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. COMMENTS:

A. MOST CARGO SHIPPED FROM ANTWERP IS NOT FROM BELGIUM. CARGO MAINLY COMES FROM GERMANY AND FRANCE BY INLAND TRANSPORT. SOME COMES FROM NETHERLANDS AND SWITZERLAND.

B. THE PORTS OF GHENT, ZEEBRUGGE AND OOSTENDE ARE NOT COVERED BY FIGURES IN THIS CABLE. OF THESE, NONE IS SIGNIFICANT FOR ARGENTINA OR BRAZIL EXCEPT GHENT WHICH SHIPPED 54,006 METRIC TONS TO BRAZIL IN 1974. SHIPMENTS TO ARGENTINA FROM GHENT VIRTUALLY NIL.  
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